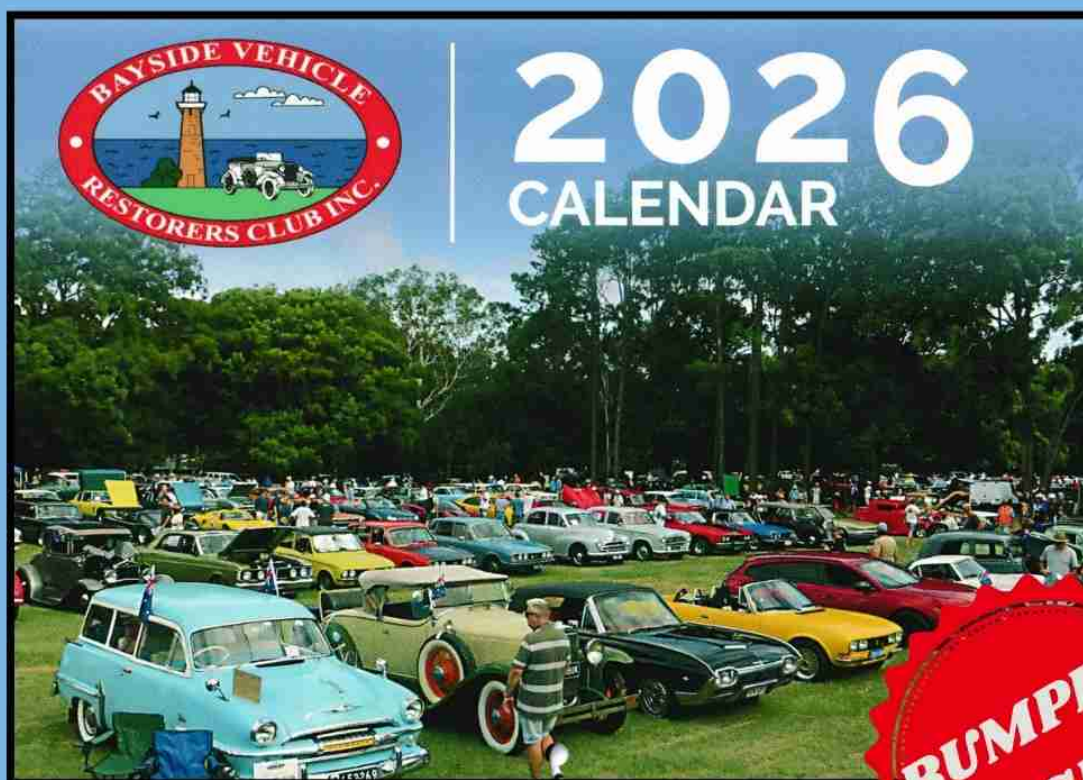




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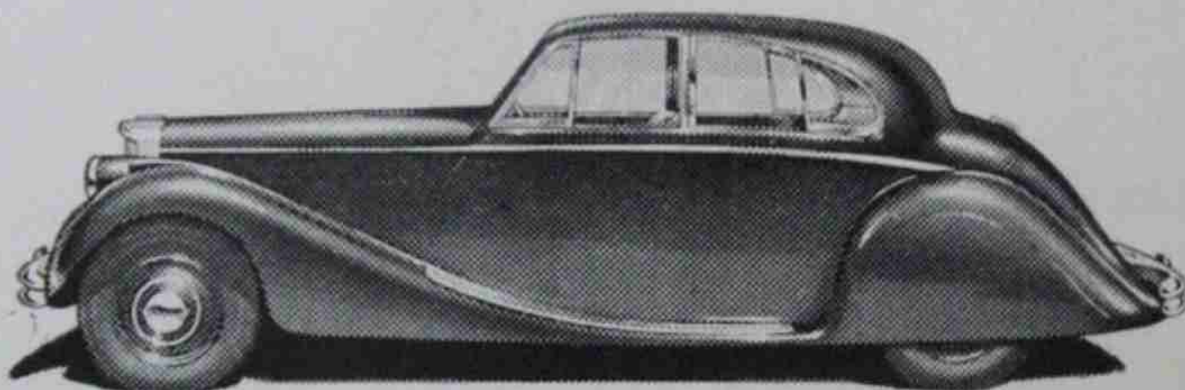


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November 2025/January 2026

Presidents Report

The AGM has come and gone. Thank you for having the confidence to re-elect me as President for another 12 months. A big welcome to all who have taken up their same positions. It will be a pleasure to work with you all again to ensure the Club thrives.

A thank you to Wayne Lait who has stepped down as Assistant Treasurer and has held other positions in the management committee. Welcome to Cath Lewin who has taken the role of Editor from Geoff Moran who has produced an excellent magazine over the past years.

The last few months have been busy event wise with Cheryl Nott's mid week runs, Michael Gibson's end of month runs and other Club events ie Lismore Rally and the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Invitational Run. These were all enjoyed by those who attended.

The Cadillac Club courtesy of Val Sharp has donated a barbeque trailer complete with 2 gazebos, tables and a gas bottle to our Club. At our working bee in September we cleaned out the container and Margaret Banner catalogued the contents. We then went to the Wellington Point Shed and repeated the process there. I towed the barbeque trailer to Wellington Point shed where it was washed along with our recently purchased fridge trailer and yes both trailers do fit in the shed. A big thank you to the volunteers for all their hard work on the day.

I was involved with the Chrysler Expo along with other Members of our Club at the Rocklea Showgrounds also the All-British Day at Tennyson.

I have been also busy with the RACQ Foundation working on projects at Yarrabah an aboriginal settlement near Cairns and Georgetown west of Cairns.

A reminder - if your vehicle is on SIVS Registration please stay within the Transport and Main Roads guidelines which are listed on their website when using your Classic. This will avoid you being fined and possibly voiding your insurance.

News grows short so let's keep the wheels turning on our Classics by attending ours and other Club Events.

Albert

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at the Ormiston State School, cnr Gordon and Dundas Streets Ormiston at 7.30pm. Parking in Dundas Street.

Membership Renewals of \$30 are due 1 July each year.

Renewals can be paid into the club account, please use your club membership number for reference.

BVRC Bank Account Bank of Queensland BSB 124 025, Account Number 10404880. Or can be paid to the membership office at club meetings. Cash or Square.

From the Editor

You many notice that there are some changes to the layout of our BVRC magazine, this is because we have moved to a new technical platform. But I don't think it has changed the look of things too much.

I must say a huge thank you to Geoff Moran, we have had meetings and many messages back and forth adding to his handover notes. (Geoff, I hope you enjoy reading the magazine without knowing the content for the first time in 8 years.)

This edition is a big one. We've got lots of run reports and I have added a couple of new segments that I hope you enjoy. There is also some fun Christmas bits in here too.

I must give a shout out to the fabulous contributors and the magazine team, without their continued support you wouldn't get to read about the vast array of activities that this club constantly has on offer and the work we do within the community and with other car clubs. I encourage you to get your car out and join in if you can. Bring your daily driver if you like - you are always welcome.

So, that's a wrap for my first edition. If you have something interesting that you think should be within these pages. Shoot me an email, I would love to hear from you. **Cath**

New Members

Welcome to our new members, we look forward to seeing you on a run or at a club meeting soon.

Crispin Dobson & Suzi Clifton	1975 HJ 1 Ton Holden Ute
Ken & Carolyn Harris	1948 Vauxhall Sedan
Ashley & Jenny Knight	1962 Sunbeam Rapier 1963 Plymouth Savoy 1959 Chrysler Royal
Gary & Kay Teunis	1960 Chevrolet Belair Sedan
Ken & Elaine Cartwright	165 Humber Vogue
Mick Miller	1978 HZ 1 Tonner 1978 Ducati SP 900
Terry O'Brien	1968 Ford Galaxie

If you see a new member at a club get together, make sure you say hi and make them feel welcome!



Christmas Party Price

Oops, there seems to have been a typo in the last magazine with the price of the Christmas Party. In some places it read \$22. This is incorrect. The Correct price is \$25 for members as per the poster. Please see Ruth to pay your money by the November meeting if you wish to attend. Thanks



Mid Week Run 19 June

With the cooler weather upon us it was time for Cheryl Nott's Suburban explorers to leave the coast and head towards the big smoke. As the traffic on Old Cleveland Road was surprisingly light it wasn't long before we entered Mt. Petrie Road Belmont, veering right at the sound of gunfire to duck under the Gateway and cruise through the flash parts of Carindale, ending up at Creek Road.

A couple of left turns and we arrive at Tillack Park next to the Upper reaches of Bulimba Creek. As expected, some of the westies were already here spread out in the dappled shade, including Doug and Robin, Kevin and Beryl, bringing our complement of cars up to 13.

You could float your boat in the creek here but I suspect a voyage down to the Brisbane River would be quite a challenge.

Lunch was not far away at Caterson Park off Broadwater Road, Mansfield.

It was here that a strange and giant Eucalypt caught the attention of our Horticultural experts, Ruth and Gillian. With all their technical skills and investigative powers, they identified it as a rare "Tingle tree" which is only supposed to exist in Western Australia. Until now.

An interesting time to spend on what is almost the shortest day of the year.

John Gross



Pictures by John & Judy Gross

All French Day - Barry's French Affair

6 July

Renaults got into my system in the early 1960's, when I acquired two 750's, one to drive, and the other for parts. On Sunday 6 July 2025 we went to the All French day at Yatala. Our

R-20 won a Certificate, as the Most Interesting Old Renault. 10 years ago, in 2015, the previous owner won a similar certificate. How weird is that? So on Sunday, my name was Barry! Still weird! Stewart Armstrong drove the R-20, and I drove the R-12 to the event. Thanks, Stewart. Also at Yatala, were other friends, Jim and Del Carroll with their Renault R-10S, Graham Kircher with his LHD 1988 Oltcit Club 2 RL. Eddie Abrahms with his Land Rover Defender. Edd purchased a Citron C5 at the event. The Renault club of Qld. hosted the day, and some 35 Renaults, 26 odd Peugots, 15 or so Citrons, 3 Simcas, and the Oltcit turned up. Thank you to the Renault Club for an amazing day.



Gary aka Barry Tesch



Pictures: Winners are Grinners at the French Day by Barry Tesch

Noggin & Natter 12 July

The afternoon event at Beth Boyd Park was not well attended, with only five or six cars there. It is always nice to sit and chat either under the trees or in the shed.

There was one view that made us laugh and that was when the tide was very low and we looked at the large expanse of mud in the bay. From where we were set up having our afternoon tea, we could not see where the mouth of the creek starts and goes through the mud flats. It looked funny when we saw a very nice bay boat looking like it was floating across the mud flats. There is always something to give us a laugh.

Laurie Bennett was having trouble with his hat. He said it was uncomfortable so he borrowed Jeans and wore it for the afternoon. Do you think the colour suited him? It was a nice happy afternoon. The Beth Boyd afternoon is always a good way to spend Saturday afternoon once a month.

Pam Crooks



Picture: Lawrie Bennett with his nice hat by Pam Crooks

Celebrate 100 Years of Ford with Australia Posts new stamp release.



Holden Out for a Cure 13 July



Despite the chilly start to the July Sunday morning, volunteers warmly welcomed the early arrivals at the Redlands Showgrounds ready for another successful All Holden Day. Luckily the day quickly transformed into a beautiful warm winter's day, ideal for the celebration of Australia's iconic car brand and to raise money for the Cancer Council of Queensland.

By 8:30am 42 late entries had swelled the number of Holdens to 237 on display. Cheryl welcomed entrants, handing out cooler bags to each car before directing them to their section. At least ten Bayside members had their Holdens on display.

Parking was well managed by Albert and other Bayside volunteers who arranged the cars into their appropriate classes ranging from the classic FX48's to the last 2017 model Commodores and Monaros.

The familiar rumble of engines gave way to rumbling stomachs as entrants moved up to the array of food and coffee vendors who later had to restock due to high demand. Variety was the name of the game in the food stakes and nobody was disappointed.

Meanwhile the general public were allowed in and admired everything from stock standard classics to heavily modified beauties. The adjoining Redlands Museum opened its doors for visitors as well allowing them to wander through adding a touch of history and culture to the event.



Midweek Run 17 July

The cunning plan this morning, as the run went along Mt. Cotton Road, was to sleep in and then sneak in behind as the parade went past. It sort of worked, but by the time the traffic had eased our friends were long gone, throwing a great deal of responsibility on the navigator.

Trouble began on the good ship Jaguar when we met the rest of the fleet heading in the opposite direction down Fryers Road Eagleby. Some unwarranted criticism from the captain caused a near mutiny onboard. This was eased somewhat when our "Escort" was seen doing a U-Turn at some roadworks. The destination called "Ramu Street Park" in the run sheet is actually Albert River Park which explains the Sea Scout Hall here.

After a conciliatory morning tea, it was off to the ultimate House of Sin for those of us on a diet or budget, The Beenleigh Chocolate factory. Here the master Chocolatier explained to me that freeze drying is used to remove some moisture to enhance the flavours of some of the fruits. Poorer but satiated we then proceeded to Tygum Lagoon for lunch.

Another enjoyable challenging mid-week run!

John Gross

After lunch auctions of Holden memorabilia, much of which was donated by local businesses drew competitive bids and added to the lively atmosphere.

Throughout the day, judges moved around assessing the cars which culminated in the presentation of trophies to winners in the various classes towards the end of the day. At least one Bayside member was very happy with his trophy which was going straight to the pool room.

The event donated \$5000 to the Cancer Council of Queensland and after a full day of celebration, Bayside members helped coordinate the safe and orderly exit for all vehicles and ensured the grounds were left spotless.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the organisers, local businesses who donated raffle items and the dedicated members of the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club and Holden Clubs who worked tirelessly to ensure the day ran smoothly.

Lindsay Jordan



Above pictures: All Holden Day by Lindsay Jordan



Picture by FE-FC Holden Enthusiast Club



Pictures by John & Judy Gross

Ladies Morning Tea 25 July

Ginger and Lime Morning at Birkdale.

15 ladies enjoyed great food and great company.

Ruth Knight



Picture by Ruth Knight

Club Outing Mathema and Ocean View 26 July

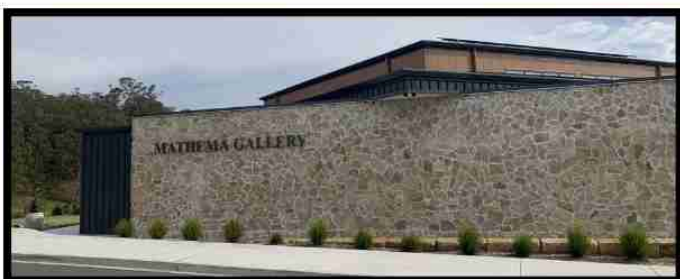
Where WAS everybody? ... especially all the mathematicians amongst you! Just five vehicles and their people ventured over to the north side to visit the Mathema Gallery at Ocean View, the only Gallery/Museum of Mathematics in the southern hemisphere and voted number 2 in the world by the American Mathematical Society! The Gallery is a very modern and substantial building, privately funded and maintained. It displays the origins of today's 3,000 year old mathematics! It also houses nearly 5,500 books, constituting the largest private reference library of mathematics in Australia! The displays are very informative, interesting and mind-boggling, to say the least! Pity I can't remember many of the facts I read about!

ALERT: History lesson coming up! It seems to me that we've regressed, so far as building goes, when you consider that the Inca (1100 to 1600 CE) constructed their roads and buildings - without mortar! - to remain intact even during earthquakes, common along the west coast of South America! Why didn't we learn from this, I wonder? Anyway, the Gallery is well worth a visit! Thanks to Cheryl for organising this very interesting run! Afterwards, Ray guided us to lunch at a nearby cafe - which appeared to be a haven for bikies - with panoramic views over the mountains and valleys beyond. Tasty food devoured, we all headed for home ... to brush up on our maths perhaps!

Annetta Moses



Pictures by Annetta Moses



Mid Week Run 31 July

On the 2nd Run this month it was great to see Ken Frost in his "Blue Beacon" Morris, chauffeured today by his son in law Les from Toowoomba. It was also a relief to see Ray back in the Ford fold no longer behaving like an Infidel in a Holden.

We were destined to visit the Oxley Common via Carina and Tarragindi. Once here the westies including Robyn and Doug were waiting for us in the opulent council shelter shed, bringing our complement to 16. I wonder if the locals can still graze their cattle and sheep here free of charge as there are lots around.



From here we went on a Pilgrimage to a nearby large and pleasant park which is dedicated to Mike Brazier's late wife Erna for her remarkable contributions to the local community.

Thence, off to Henderson Park at Macgregor for lunch. Here we all had to be on our best behavior sitting next to the Council installed Solar powered video surveillance camera. Unfortunately, this didn't stop our Cheryl enticing an entire flock of Butcher birds, making the place look like a scene from an Alfred Hitchcock movie.

Another successful adventure to the wild west.

John Gross

Pictures: John & Judy Gross

With the types of vehicles in the BVRC, we have plenty of members who can boast this....



Redlands Hospital Visit & Display

6 August & 6 September

On Wednesday 6 August and again on 6 September a number of club members drove to the Redlands Hospital to display their vehicles for patients of the dementia ward, where founding club member John Wright is currently a resident. Patients and their carers delighted in viewing the vehicles, some remarking that the cars brought back many memories for them! After mixing with the residents, the visitors were treated to a lovely morning tea. This outreach visit by the club was really welcomed by the residents and their carers!

Annetta Moses



6 September

I must say a big thank you to Cheryl Nott in her Ford Escort 1979, Albert Budworth in his Bentley 1955, John Gross in his Jaguar 1966, Will Moses in his Mitsubishi 1983, Gary Crooks (who brought Dawn) in his Mitsubishi 1984, Arnold Eggins in his 1954 Morris Ute, Stewart Armstrong in his 1956 MG, Ern Parsons in his 2010 Ferrari, what a wonderful morning so thanks everyone. We should do this more often as it puts SMILES on many faces.

Avis Eggins



Pictures: Group at Redlands Hospital enjoying the morning visit. by Will Moses & Avis Eggins



Mid Week Run 14 August

This week we stayed local with visits to Gumdale Park and Capalaba Regional Park (down past Bunnings) for lunch.

16 members gathered for morning tea at Wakerley, with Mike Brazier showing off his rejuvenated rear end (on the Fairlane) chauffeured today by his son.

With predicted afternoon thunder storms as well as a trip to Lismore in the offing a much-reduced team of stalwarts convened for lunch at Capalaba, pursued by the mower man.

John Gross



Picture: Gumdale Park Stop by John Gross

NRVVCC Invitational Event Lismore 15 - 17 August

A number of our club members braved the cooler weather and headed south to Lismore for the Northern Rivers Vintage and Veteran Car Club (NRVVCC) Invitational Event.

The NRVVCC organised a fantastic weekend of activities for participants including mini train rides, museum tours, car displays and apparently enough food to feed an army!

BVRC members took home 7 prizes from the event. With the "Best Car in Rally" going to a 1935 Austin 7 Tourer.

If you would like to read more about this event and see more pics. Annetta Moses has covered this in more detail on our members facebook page. All info and pics credit to Annetta.



Mini Train at Casino



Evans Heads - Lunch Break



Evans Head - some participants



Dinner out



1935 Austin 7 Tourer Best Car in Rally
Pictures by Annetta Moses

Men's Morning Tea 19 August

There was a great roll-up of blokes to today's Men's Morning Tea at the Redland Museum, where you'll find old machinery, cars, a train carriage and lots of interesting artefacts on display! Apparently all the members' cars had left before Will got around to photographing them ... hence only one, a fabulous Mustang, was captured!

Annetta Moses



Pictures: Fellas enjoying morning tea, exhibit & a mustang
by Will Moses

All Classic Cars & Coffee

Lakeside Shopping Centre car park, off Bunker Road, Victoria Point, Brisbane.

A monthly event on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

From 7am to 10am

An invitation to all Enthusiasts and Owners of Classic Cars of any, Make, Country of Origin and Age, to come and mingle and talk Classic Cars over a Coffee.

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The 1964 Amphicar Model 770 is a German-built amphibious car that uniquely combined road and water travel in one vehicle. Powered by a rear-mounted 1,147 cc inline-four Triumph engine producing 43 horsepower with a 4-speed manual transmission to drive the rear wheels on land and twin nylon propellers in water, with the front wheels acting as rudders.

Only offering 70 mph on the road and 7 knots in water allowed smooth control without separate marine hardware. The unibody construction featured sealed steel panels, reinforced sills. The vehicle was too expensive for mass appeal, but became the only amphibious car ever produced in volume for everyday drivers.

Today, the Amphicar is often seen at car shows and "swim-ins" where owners demonstrate its party trick—driving straight from land into water—cementing its place as a unique piece of automotive history.

Picture and text from Auto Surplus Veteran Vintage Classics

Hanomag – the first true ‘Peoples Car’

In the early 1980's I was lucky enough to be sent to Germany on a training program for the company I worked for, Domino Industries, distributors of earthmoving equipment.



About six of us from the various branches in the eastern states attended, we were all service repairmen/service managers.

We were taken to the Hanomag factory in Hanover, West Germany for a tour. On display in the foyer were various products manufactured over the years, one being the car in this article, the “Kommisbrot”. I had never seen or even heard of this vehicle.

The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Automobiles identifies it as the first true German ‘peoples car’, popularly known as the ‘Kommisbrot’ (army loaf) – it had an all enveloping body.

Hanomag started life as a German producer of steam locomotives before expanding into automobiles, trucks, tractors and military vehicles. Even their early vehicles were steam powered, but in 1912 they released their first tractor fuelled by petrol.

In 1924 the company debuted a new Hanomag 2/10, designed in with collaboration from Ferdinand Porsche, that was in favour of a simple, sleek and lightweight body. This new car was one of the first with ‘pontoon styling’ featuring fenders incorporated into the body with no running boards down the side.

Powered by a rear mounted 499cc liquid cooled engine with the rear axle powered via a chain drive there was no differential. It had a total weight of 370kg and claimed a top speed of 60km/hour. It only had a door on the left side. A lever between two seats acted as the starter.

Only 15000, of these beauties were made and the car was extremely popular in Germany given its excellent fuel economy (4 litres per 100 kilometres). It was well loved because it was cheap, well made and performed well in rough and hills country.

The smaller engine was superseded by a four-cylinder 745cc, 896cc, 1089cc, 1299cc and 1494cc engines. This popular Kommisbrot was even raced in many long distance events.

It is easy to see the influence this early Hanomag had on the development of the Volkswagen Beetle a few years later in the 1930's. The Beetle later took up the mantle of being the ‘Peoples Car’ of Germany because it too was affordable to build, buy and maintain. These two vehicles share more than a passing resemblance.

From 1934 to 1939 a six cylinder (somewhat more stylish some might say) and a 4 cylinder diesel engine 1910cc Hanomag was offered.

Hanomag built munitions and cars for the German Wehrmacht during the war, but never returned to car manufacturing after 1945. Truck production continued under the Hanomag-Henschel brand through to 1974.

Asking price according to Classic.com for one of these varies – the blue one pictured in this story is very original and sold in France during 2019 for approximately \$66,500US. Another sold last year as a project car in Germany for approximately \$13,500US. So, they are out there if you are keen to look and have deep pockets for parts. It would certainly be a conversation starter.

Sources, Hanomag and Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Automobiles.

Colin Jones



Pictures : Left and Right Top credit Hanomag Company,
Bottom Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Automobiles.



Christmas Party

BVRC Christmas Party

Sunday 14 December 2025

Lunch at Redlands Sporting Club

Anson Road, Wellington Point

Members & Partner: \$25 each

**Please dress yourselves and your
cars in Christmas theme**

**Be at the venue from 11.30am
for a 12 noon lunch**

**RSVP and Payment to Treasurer
by 12 November meeting**

BVRC Calendar of Events - November 2025

Carry this calendar in your vehicle.

Friday 14 November	Club Meeting Ormiston State School	7.30pm Dundas Street East
Saturday 15 November	Noggin & Natter Monthly 'show and tell' get together. Bonnets up. **BYO Chairs and snacks. **	2 to 4pm Beth Boyd Park Thorneside
Tuesday 18 November	Club Social Evening Mates Restaurant	6.15pm at venue 70 Edith Street Wynnum
Thursday 20 November	Midweek Club Run Morning Tea Bayside Park Manly UBD 163 PO3 Lunch Raby Esplanade Park Ormiston UBD 185 M12 **BYO Chairs and snacks. **	9.30am Depart Cleveland Showgrounds Cheryl Nott 3341 5619
Tuesday 25 November	Men's Morning Tea To be advised	10am Ray Burrows 0409 640 600 Will Moses 0412 194 560
Wednesday 26 November	Ladies Lunch Redlands RSL	12 noon 8 Passage Street Cleveland Ruth Knight 0428 437 580 Pam Crooks 0418 767 833
Thursday 27 November	Midweek Club Run Annual Ham Run to Warwick	7.15am Depart from Aratula rest area on Highway Cheryl Nott 3341 5619

Other local events

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3rd Sunday each month	98 Club Show and Shine Alexandra Hills Hotel	Ray Burrows 0409 640 600
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Upcoming Events

Sunday 14 December BVRC Christmas Party, Redlands Sporting Club Members, Anson Road, Wellington Point
\$25. Money to Treasurer by 14 November Meeting.

Thursday 18 December Midweek Christmas Celebration W H Yeo Park, Thompsons Beach Victoria Point.
Bring a Platter for morning tea. *BYO Chairs, plate and cutlery*

Thursday 1 January Club get together at Figtree Point Park, Lota 2pm

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 January Allora Heritage Weekend, Allora Showgrounds.

Sunday 25 January Working Bee for Australia Day Setup. Ormiston State School, Dundas Street Gate, 7am.

Monday 26 January BVRC RACQ Batteries Australia Day Event, Ormiston State School, Workers Dundas Street Gate 5-5.30, Wellington Street open to vehicles 6am, and public 7am.

Saturday 7 February and Sunday 8 February Toowoomba Swap Meet, Toowoomba Show Grounds.

Saturday 28 March Working Bee for Swap Meet. Ormiston State School, Dundas Street Gate, 7am.

Sunday 29 March Bayside Swap Meet. Workers at Dundas Street Gate only at 5am, Stall holders gates open at 5.30am, 6.30 open public.

Drive your SIVS Registered vehicle according to the rules. You can attend any event organized by an incorporated vehicle club, school, church or charity.

BVRC Calendar of Events - December 2025

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Friday 12 December	Club Meeting Ormiston State School	7.30pm Dundas Street East
Saturday 13 December	Noggin & Natter Monthly 'show and tell' get together. Bonnets up. **BYO Chairs and snacks. **	2 to 4pm Beth Boyd Park Thorneside
Sunday 14 December	Club Christmas Party Redlands Sporting Club,	11.30am for 12 noon lunch Anson Road, Wellington Point
Thursday 18 December	Midweek Club Run & Christmas Celebration Morning Tea & Lunch W.H. Yeo Park, UBD 116 P4 Bring a Plate to share for Morning Tea. Lunch \$7. **BYO chair, plate and cutlery. **	9.30am Depart Cleveland Showgrounds Cheryl Nott 3341 5619



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Thursday 1 January	Club New Year Get-Together Figtree Point Park, Lota **BYO Chairs and snacks**	2pm Lota
Friday 9 January	Club Meeting Ormiston State School	7.30pm Dundas Street East
Saturday 10 January	Noggin & Natter Monthly 'show and tell' get together. Bonnets up. **BYO Chairs and snacks. **	2 to 4pm Beth Boyd Park Thorneside
Tuesday 13 January	Club Social Evening TBA	6.15pm at venue
Thursday 15 January	Midweek Club Run Morning Tea Colmslie Beach Reserve, Murrarie UBD 161 H3 Lunch Aquatic Paradise Park West Birkdale UBD 164 H17 **BYO Chairs and snacks**	9.30am Depart Cleveland Showgrounds Cheryl Nott 3341 5619
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BVRC Calendar of Events - February 2026

Carry this calendar in your vehicle.

Friday 13 February	Club Meeting Ormiston State School	7.30pm Dundas Street East
Saturday 14 February	Noggin & Natter Monthly 'show and tell' get together. Bonnets up. **BYO Chairs and snacks. **	2 to 4pm Beth Boyd Park Thorneside
Tuesday 17 February	Club Social Evening TBA	6.15pm at venue
Thursday 19 February	Midweek Club Run Morning Tea Les Moore Park, Victoria Point UBD 206 N19 Lunch Cleveland Point Recreation Reserve UBD 186 F9 **BYO Chairs and snacks**	9.30am Depart Cleveland Showgrounds Cheryl Nott 3341 5619
Tuesday 24 February	Men's Morning Tea To be advised	10am Ray Burrows 0409 640 600 Will Moses 0412 194 560
Wednesday 25 February	Ladies Morning Blue Tongue Cafe	100 Mooroondu Road, Thorneside Ruth Knight 0428 437 580 Pam Crooks 0418 767 833
Saturday 28 February	Local Short Run Cleveland Lighthouse Recreation Reserve UBD 186 F9	7.30am Meet for 8am Departure Mick Gibson 0432 136 932

Other local events

1st Sunday each month	Gregs Coffee Morning , Victoria Point Shopping Centre Lakeside, 2/34 Bunker Road, Victoria Point	Ray Burrows 0409 640 600
2nd Sunday each month	All Classic Cars (sponsored by BVRC), Victoria Point Shopping Centre Lakeside, 2/34 Bunker Road, Victoria Point	Tony Dale 0412 821 158
3rd Sunday each month	98 Club Show and Shine Alexandra Hills Hotel	Ray Burrows 0409 640 600
4th Sunday each month	Superformance Hosted by 98 Club 539 Redland Bay Road, Capalaba	Ray Burrows 0409 640 600

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 7 February and Sunday 8 February Toowoomba Swap Meet, Toowoomba Show Grounds.

Saturday 28 March Working Bee for Swap Meet. Ormiston State School, Dundas Street Gate, 7am.

Sunday 29 March Bayside Swap Meet. Workers at Dundas Street Gate only at 5am,

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MHNA

National Rally

On Saturday 23rd August 2025, myself and Albert Budworth (passenger) attended the 19th National



Historical Machinery Association National Rally at Kingsthorpe west of Toowoomba, featuring under the Southern Cross. What a wonderful experience, comradery and passion keeping Australian history alive. Largest gathering of historical machinery enthusiasts in the Southern Hemisphere with over 750 machinery displays and demonstrations.

We departed Rochedale at 5.00am, and arriving on site soon after 7.00am. Displaying "Old Girl" 1953 (215) FX Holden Sedan Stock Unrestored in the Vintage Vehicle section. I had attended the 11th National Event (with my deceased friend Jim), in July 2007 at Biloela in the same vehicle.

I knew what to expect with 7 hours of walking around to check out the whole massive area with a variety of items to see which was larger than Biloela display. Those entrants who had registered before 30th June 2025 were included in the souvenir program listing.

At 9.00am the gates opened to the public and some Bayside Club members were among them to check out over 176 stationary engines, 173 tractors, 110 vintage vehicles with a lot more arriving on the day, 57 steam engines, rollers, traction, locomotives; 42 miniatures, 94 mixed general items including collectables and memorabilia from 86 different clubs throughout

Australia including Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria.

Some unusual items 1922 Corn Harvester, 1893 Rabbit Poison Planting Cart, 1899 Winton Phaeton single cylinder, 1912 Albion chain driven, Ford Truck chain driven, Beam Truck, 1914 BSA Motorcycle Model K chain/belt driven and 1915 Sun belt driven two stroke.

A 1903 Oldsmobile Curved Dash Car with tiller steering driven by James Brennan who was a 2016 recipient of the Robert Shannon Foundation Award when he was a teenager at high school was on display. James and his father have continued restoring Veteran and Vintage vehicles and have a pavilion of restored items at Highfields Pioneer Village Museum & Park.

A day with a difference with clear blue sky, sun shining, entertainment and trade stalls available. At 2.30pm a Steam Parade of 20 different types of steam powered vehicles drove around the other displays.

We departed at 3.00pm for home, arriving 5.30pm after refueling at Rocklea at 153.9 cents per litre, after a marvellous great day.

Many thanks to the organizing committee after 3 years of planning.

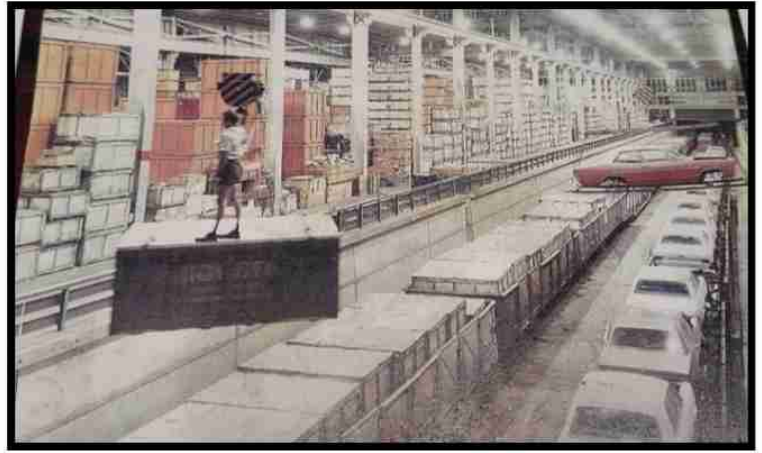
Cheryl Nott



Pictures by Albert Budworth

Holden Manufacturing in Brisbane

From 1923 Holden had a manufacturing presence in Brisbane. Initially it was on a far smaller scale in Fortitude Valley painting and trimming vehicles that were transported up from Woodville, South Australia. These painted bodies were mounted on chassis assembled in the Body Service shops from kits. In 1954 the Fortitude Valley Plant was deemed as too small, as 1.57 acre area just did not allow sufficient space for parking finished stock. A 153 acre block was purchased at Strathpine, to provide immediate relief for body and vehicle storage, with plans to build a new Plant at some time in the future. (source GMH Retirees Club). However, this plan was shelved in early 1964, when GM announced a new expansion program, which included the largest expenditure for a new assembly plant on a 160-acre tract at Acacia Ridge nine miles south of Brisbane.



Acacia Ridge was considered to be an ideal location given proximity to the Standard and Narrow gauge rail lines and new housing developments. The access to new housing was believed to bring an assured supply for their workforce. GMH People magazine of Oct/Nov 1984 reported that plans were set up for a new plant in Brisbane and in July, 1964, the first sod was turned and the first pile driven to start construction of the \$20 million Acacia Ridge assembly plant. On January 19, 1965, assembly operations started at Acacia Ridge with the assembly of HD Holdens.

The plant boasted features new to GMH including a roofed railway warehouse area which ran down the centre of the plant and a roller testing booth. When opened, the Acacia Ridge plant was the second new GMH assembly operation to start within a year. Earlier that year the Elizabeth assembly plant had also started operation. This gave GMH five assembly operations in Australia.



Pictures: Left Top : Fortitude Valley (GMH Retirees Club) Left Bottom: Aerial View of Acacia Ridge (year unknown), Right Top: Loading and unloading zone inside Acacia Ridge Plant circa 1968, Left Bottom: fully loaded train on Northern Rail Line.

Employees were encouraged to look for cost saving strategies with the Suggestion Scheme. Suggestions could be anything – from the way nuts and bolts were organised to be put onto a car to how something was produced. If an employee suggestion was indeed a cost saver and adopted by GMH the employee was given a bonus of between \$25 and \$6000 depending on the cost saving achieved by GMH. One employee was paid \$6000 for a suggestion to make the nuts and bolts for the HQ assembly more efficient. It saved that much money for GMH!

Not only were they churning out thousands of popular family vehicles including Gemini, Commodore, Statesman, Kingswood and Camira (Brisbane was the only location to build the Gemini). From time to time employees were able to witness special events such as the Holden Precision Driving Team practice in Toranas up and down the side of the factory after hours. And the factory was even host to Elvis's Pink Cadillac when it was out from the United States for a Motor Show. As an employee when you ordered a car you got a decent discount. Employees were told the order number, body number and the scheduled start date. They could watch their vehicle go down the assembly line. An old worn out grinding disc was hung where the interior light was fitted to indicate to other employees it was an employees car as it travelled down the assembly line.



In 1984 GMH announced that it would be closing the Acacia Ridge plant. Despite the incentive schemes that GMH had run over the years in an attempt to engage staff, GMH chose to make the announcement to staff about the closure on the radio, with many staff (my daddy included) finding out that they were going to lose their jobs on their personal transistor radios while they were working on the assembly line.

Later, Holden manufacturing ceased 20 October 2017, when the final car rolled off the production line at the Elizabeth plant. This marked the end of vehicle manufacturing in Australia.

In 2022, it was announced that the site of the old Acacia Ridge plant would be torn down to make way for new industrial buildings. Although the GMH legacy lives on in Acacia Ridge where the local streets bear the names of various Holden models including Kingswood Street, Commodore Street, Statesman Crescent, Camira Street and Holden Drive.

Cath

The photographs in this article were taken by an employee with permission by GMH.



Pictures: Top Right Assembly Line Bottom Body & Paint Shop.

Saturday Run 30 August

It was a bright, shiny and windy morning as we gathered at Cleveland Point for Michael's run today! A fine array of vehicles rocked up, with Will's and my newly-acquired 1998 Mustang making its first appearance here! After chatting for a while in the warming sun, we drove to Tanja's Cafe at Wellington Point for breakfast. It was a lovely get-together ... thanks to Michael for organising! *Annetta*



Pictures: Cleveland Point & Tanja's by Annetta Moses

For Sale



1968 MGB

New tyres and 12V battery; 55,000 original miles. Price \$20,000.

Contact John Lewis 0418 831 529

For sale 4 Tyres 205/55/15 Good condition approx 80% tread.

\$40 for the 4. Ono.

Ern Parsons

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39th Annual

Ormiston Swap Meet

SUNDAY 29th March 2026

6.00am to 12noon

Ormiston State School

Entry from Wellington Street & Dundas St East Stall holders 5.30am - Public Entry 6.30am Pedestrian entry \$5

Swap Sites Outside

Cars, Utes with box trailers	\$10
Motor Homes	\$10
Cars with tandem trailers	\$20
Trucks	\$20
Motor Homes with trailers	\$20

Undercover Sites
in the hall for :-

ANTIQUES, COLLECTABLES,

MEMORABILIA,

BOOKS, JEWELLERY,

MODEL CARS, AUTOMOBILIA

Sites - max-3 \$30

Bookings essential with Steve 0411 516 122 or secretary@baysideclub.org.au




Food, Drinks, Tea/Coffee catered exclusively by Ormiston State School P & C

Drones & Social Media not permitted unless permission given by BVR Committee

No Dogs, Smoking or Vaping allowed on school grounds

Awards and presentations at the AGM

13 September

At the September meeting President Albert presented the award for the year's best restoration Steve Mellish for his refurbishment of the Club's trailer.



In accepting the award Steve acknowledged his son Chris's contribution, as Steve had him do most of the work.



President Albert told those present that the Barry Covington perpetual shield, previously awarded to Member of the Year, had no further space for more recipients' names, and in future President's Appreciation Awards will be presented. Awards were given at the meeting to Ruth Knight, Stewart and Leigh Armstrong, John and Judy Gross and Gary and Leona Tesch for going the extra mile in supporting the Club through the year.

Geoff Moran



Pictures Left New Trailer Before & After by Steve Mellish. Right top to bottom Albert Budworth presenting awards and certificates to: Steve Mellish, Ruth Knight, Stewart & Leigh Armstrong, John & Judy Gross, Garry & Leona Tesch by Will Moses

Midweek Run 18 September

This months run saw 6 vehicles leave Cleveland for destinations off our beaten track, Logan and Marsden. Before starting I was secretly delegated to follow our President Albert (the ultimate RACQ breakdown Guru) in case he broke down!?? Fortunately for both of us his MG runs like a Swiss watch.

In her roundabout way through Priestdale and Springwood, Cheryl led us to a Panoramic view of Logan from Dennis Road. Unfortunately, on this first warm day of Spring a thin layer of haze filled the air.

Now, with a tricky manouver that exceeded all expectations, she managed to make Graham, with his Blue Holden, vanish completely. He didn't reappear until morning tea at Crestmead Community Park where we were joined by Doug and Robyn who live nearby.

School holidays made the park a busy time particularly for the local "Sons of Acne" scooter gang. These personable young lads immediately fell in love with Rays bright green Holden Ute and were pressing to go for a ride. I feel we had a missed opportunity here. Ray could have loaded all of them, complete with scooters in the back of his truck and delivered them to the local cop shop.

Lunch saw us at Oates Park between Karawatha Forest and the Trinder Park railway station just north of Logan Central. Here we all took the opportunity to wish Mike Brazier a very Happy 94th Birthday for tomorrow.

Thanks to Cheryl we enjoyed 2 new Parks in Logan.

John Gross



Men's Morning Tea 23 September

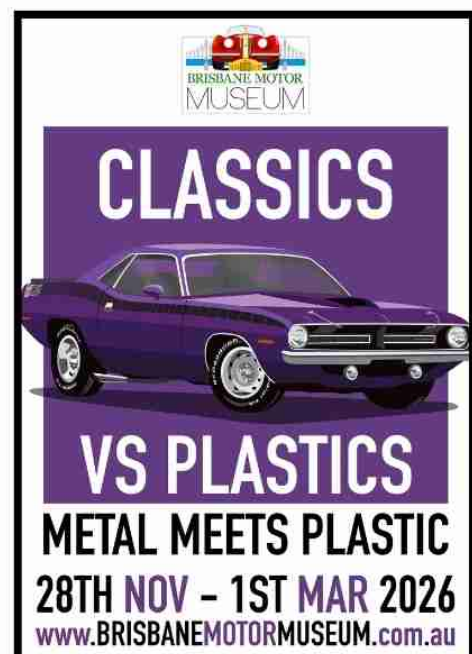
The Brisbane Motor Museum at Banyo was the venue for the September mens morning tea. Unfortunately numbers were down slightly as there was another club event put on at the same time. However, those who went enjoyed some banter and laughs over coffees and cakes before going through the Ford V Holden exhibit. The cars on display triggered a lot more stories from years past with members reminiscing of the past interactions with the makes and models on display. Of course some bias to either blue or red was the basis of some good natured ribbing at times. Hope to see you at the October men's morning tea.

Adrian Lewin



Pictures: Fellas enjoying the exhibit by Adrian Lewin

**Holden Vs Ford exhibit is open until
23 November at the
Brisbane Motor Museum.**



Ladies Morning Tea 24 September

10 ladies enjoyed a lovely morning tea and visit to members home on 24th September.

We spent the morning admiring a lovely garden, enjoying the company of a small horse and chickens. We always enjoy our visit and usually take home some cuttings from the garden.

Ruth Knight



Picture: Ladies enjoying morning tea by Ruth Knight

2026 Club Calendar On Sale Now

The 2026 BVRC Calendar is On Sale Now. Available to club members for \$5.

If you want this little beauty posted it will cost you \$7.50. \$10.00 to non-club members. If you can't get to a meeting to pick one up. Simply deposit your money in Bank of Queensland, BSB 124 025, Account # 10404880. Please add your name and membership number when depositing the \$7.50. And Peter Sellers will get one out to you. Or contact Peter Sellers.



Stop the Press

We are looking for a Calendar Coordinator for the 2027 Calendar. So if you have a passion for photography we would love to hear from you. You could be our 2027 Calendar Girl or Boy. Contact Ruth Knight to find out more.

BVRC Kitchen Requests

At the AGM the question was asked whether a recipe could be included within these pages as a regular item. The first was the slice I took to the AGM so here it is, as requested. This one is a Merle Parrish recipe from her book Merle's Kitchen.

Date Slice

Ingredients

125g butter, chopped

1 cup brown sugar

1 cup chopped dates

1 egg, lightly beaten

1 cup walnuts

1 cup self raising flour

pinch salt

icing sugar to dust (I don't do this - but Merle recommends it)

1. Preheat the oven to moderately hot (190C). Grease a 30cm x 20cm slice tin and line with baking paper, hanging over the sides.
2. Melt the butter in a large saucepan, and remove from the heat. Stir in the sugar and dates, then the egg. Mix in the walnuts, then fold in the sifted flour and salt.
3. Spread into the tin, and smooth the surface. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until golden brown. Cool in the tin, dust lightly with icing sugar and cut into squares. (approx 25 serves - although I never seem to be able to stretch it that far!)

Cath

If you would like to contribute a recipe, send me an email, I would love to hear from you.

Mystery Car

The mystery car for the last issue was seen parked – as they do there – on a corner in Nice. I shot it and walked over for a closer look but apart from feeling it had a fibreglass body couldn't find anything to help identify it. It was up to a friend in England to do that for me and when he did, I was a little surprised to learn of its links to a brand once sold here.

Before letting the cat out of the bag, it is actually a CG1200S, built in France between 1965 and 1968 and I was right about its fibreglass body.

They were built by French coachbuilder Chappe et Gessalin who were founded in 1932 and did contract work for various car manufacturers over the years, including Delahaye, Talbot, Deutsch-Bonnet, Panhard along with race car bodywork for independent constructors.

In 1955 they began making bodywork for the new Renault engined Alpines, continuing with this until the early 1960s when Alpine's own company RDL took over production of most of their range.

So in 1964 Chappe et Gessalin began planning to become an automobile manufacturer in their own right. The new venture would be known as Automobiles CG and while they already had the in-house skills to do the styling and mechanical design as well as produce the bodywork and chassis, they needed to source engines, transmissions, suspension parts and brakes.

With Renault committed to Alpine and with Peugeot and Citroën declining to participate, Automobiles CG turned to the Simca company and their pool of production mechanical components.

The design of the first CG model began in 1965, and the car debuted at the 1966 Salon de l'Auto in Paris. It was a small rear-engined fiberglass bodied convertible that used Simca 1000 components.



The car received positive reviews for its appearance and the high level of fit and finish, and several variations of the original 1000 were produced over its three-year lifespan.

The 1000 Spider was replaced by the CG 1200S in 1968, with the bigger engine delivering double the power of the original 1000, and it was offered as a coupé or a convertible, although only 33 soft-tops were built. By upgrading to the engine from the Simca 1200 S coupé, CG was finally able to offer a sports car with performance comparable to the Alpine A110.

In 1972 the CG1300 entered production, their third and final version. In all 405 Simca based CGs were produced.

Ross McGowan



CS1200S Coupe Wikipedia

Next Issues Mystery Car



1950 In the Rear Vision Mirror

In 1950 the Jaguar Mark V Saloon (check out the great advertisement on the front inside cover) was in production. So was

Volkswagen Beetle and the Kombi, Morris Minor, Austin A40, Hilman Minx, Triumph Mayflower, Ford Zephyr and Ford Zodiac, and Holden 48-215 (FX). Just to give you an idea of what people were driving then.

Popular songs in 1950: Lavendar Blue (Dilly Dilly), 'A' You're Adorable, Forever and Ever, The Four Winds and the Seven Seas; I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts, You're Breaking My Heart, Music! Music! Music!, Quicksilver! and Mona Lisa.

Popular Movies in 1950: Sunset Boulevard, Asphalt Jungle, All About Eve, Cindarella, Rio Grande, Father of the Bride, Treasure Island, Annie Get Your Gun, Quicksand.

People Born in 1950: Dr Phil, Stevie Wonder, Tom Petty, Jay Lenno, Princess Anne, Richard Branson, Huey Lewis, Karen Carpenter, Julie Walters, my Mum.

Key events in 1950: The Korean War, The Peoples Republic of China was recognised by the United Kingdom, Petrol Rationing ended in Australia after WWII, The Novel "A Town Like Alice" was written by Neville Shute. In 1950 Anmatyerre man Gwoya Tjungurrayi became the first living Australian to be depicted on a postage stamp (right image below). A general letter cost 3d to send a letter in December 1950 (left image below).



Image from stamps of the world



Image from Australia Post

All trivia included in the Rear Vision Mirror is from various sources including music, movie and vehicle research sites. I was not there, so am unable to confirm these facts personally.

Step back in time

Check out this great photo. This happy group are outside the Pier Hotel in Cleveland in October 1920. This outing was for participants in the RACQ Interstate Reliability Trial from Sydney to Brisbane. Look familiar? It should. We meet there for our Saturday morning runs - now known as the Lighthouse Restaurant.



Picture: Pier Hotel 1920 State Library of Queensland

Barry Covington Shield 2024

Albert presenting Amanda Jones with a plaque for the Jones family holding the Covington Shield for 2024. They weren't there at the AGM to accept it.



Picture by Rod Bridges

From the Library

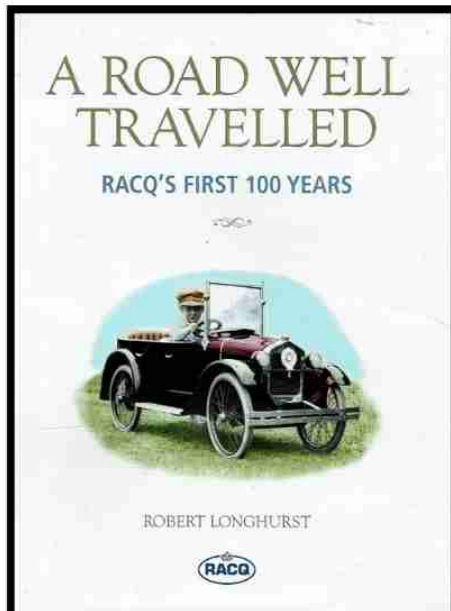
Did you know that our library has a vast number of books available for members to access? We have a wide variety of vehicle manuals available and some other interesting reads in the catalogue too.

This month I've chosen *A Road Well Travelled RACQ's First 100 Years* by Robert Longhurst.

I understand from the keeper of the books David Sutton that is a relatively new book to our collection.

Not only does it cover the inception of the Automobile Club of Queensland, but follows its journey through the troubling times of war, into a service that so many Queenslanders wouldn't be without on a day-to-day basis with almost one in four choosing to be a member at the time of the RACQ 100 year anniversary.

With some fabulous photographs of historic vehicles and parts of Brisbane this book provides a lovely insight into the history of the RACQ and Queensland.



If you would like to borrow this book, it is available from our club library.
See David Sutton our Librarian.

Volunteers Wanted

As we approach the clubs busy time, we are looking for keen club members to contribute a hour or two (or more) of their time to help with either the working bees prior to or to attend to the BVRC RACQ Batteries Australia Day Event and the Bayside Swap Meet.

These events are key days for our fundraising and showcase our club to the community.

There is always heaps to do. From directing traffic, cooking on the BBQ's, selling tickets, to setting up and packing down. Don't be shy - We Want You!

To put your name down to help out - or to find out more information please contact Steve Mellish.



Picture: Volunteers at 2024 Swap Meet Working Bee by Adrian Lewin

**Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Cargo.
Cargo, who?
Cargo in the
garage.**



WORDSEARCH

FIND THE BVRC HIDDEN WORDS FROM THIS MAGAZINE
THEY ARE HIDDEN VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY
(SOME ARE EVEN BACKWARDS)

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Results in the next magazine.



Santa's Sleigh Upgrade according to North American Air Defence (NORAD)

Santa Claus Sleigh - S.C. Mk II

The Santa Claus sleigh was the first known aircraft to utilize multiple hoofed animals to propel itself through the air. This sleigh was designed, built and flown by pioneer aviator and generous elf, Mr. Santa Claus of Peoria, Illinois, who had a life long wish to deliver gifts to all the children in the world. The pre-production aircraft flew several successful flights in 1903 until the tenth mission when the sleigh stalled and crashed, sending the rotund pilot into a pile of hay. The propulsion units (62 very perturbed French hens) escaped injury. Post flight analysis indicated the vehicle was underpowered and a search for an alternate form of propulsion was begun.

Santa also began to look for a larger area where he could perform his flight tests safely. He found an ideal area in North Carolina, only to learn it was already being used by two brothers from Ohio. Undaunted, Santa turned to the snow covered expanse at the North Pole. Once settled in, Santa met eight friendly flying reindeer at the local coffee shop. Interested in obtaining meaningful employment (their skywriting company had just gone bankrupt), the reindeer volunteered as propulsion units for the upcoming flight tests.

Flights with the reindeer at the North Pole were satisfactory but the sleigh still proved to be somewhat underpowered, especially when loaded with a bag full of toys. One Christmas Eve an improved model, the S.C. Sleigh Mk II, was developed with the addition of one more flying reindeer who by chance, also had a very shiny nose. The new reindeer gave the sleigh all-weather capability in addition to improved flight performance, allowing delivery of toys even during foggy Christmas Eves.

Santa Claus's sleigh remains in service and flies one mission each year on Christmas Eve. Santa has promised to donate the sleigh to the museum after the Mk III version (essentially a Mk II with anti-skid skids) has completed its flight tests.

SPECIFICATIONS (for S.C. Mk II):

Span: 6 ft. with Santa's arms outstretched during flight (which he tends to do when showing off to the other elves)

Length: Sleigh only - 7 ft.; sleigh with nine flying reindeer - 40 ft.

Height: 4 ft. 10 in. (including the skids, but not counting Santa or his pointy hat)

Weight: Empty - 300 lbs. (sleigh only) ; maximum load with toys for all the girls and boys - 2,546,879 lbs.

Armament: 9 pairs of antlers, optional coal for particular stockings

Engine: Nine flying reindeer [Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner (a.k.a. Donner), Blitzen, and Rudolph (the one with the shiny nose)]

Cost: Paid for with private funds and in the true spirit of giving

PERFORMANCE:

Dash away speed: The blink of an eye

Cruising speed: Fast enough to visit all the homes in the world on Christmas Eve (but not so fast that Santa's hat flies off)

Range: Reindeer - frequent stops for sugar and oats as required; Santa - very frequent stops made for cookies and milk set out by grateful (and hopeful) children

Service ceiling: Up near the moon

Crew: One jolly old elf

The North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) tracks Santa's progress beginning on Christmas Eve.



Christmas Tree Drag Race

Apart from the traditional Christmas tree that we know and love, A Christmas Tree is also the electronic starting device used in Drag Racing that displays a vertical column of coloured lights to signal the countdown to the start of a race.

In Bradenton, Florida USA they have been known to take their love of all things Christmas Trees just a bit far, with the Christmas Tree Drag Race. In this race or Test and Tune to be specific all vehicles are required to have a minimum 6 foot illuminated Christmas Tree attached to their vehicle as they participate.

Now if that's not Christmas Spirit, I'm not sure what is.



Picture: 2024 Christmas Tree Drag Race, Bradenton Motorsports Park sourced Bradenton Motorsports Park Facebook Page



Merry Christmas & Best wishes for the New Year from the BVRC Management Team and the Magazine Team. May your Christmas be filled with laughter, love, safe travels and good parking spaces.

Hogmanay - New Years Eve

Hogmanay is the Scottish word for New Years Eve and marks the end of the old year and start of the next. Traditionally celebrated on 31 December, Hogmanay is accompanied by various customs and festivities that have evolved over centuries. Blending ancient pagan rituals with modern celebration.

Some of the rituals include the first foot (the first guest to enter the home after midnight) bringing a symbolic gift. Typically a basket containing a lump of coal for warmth, a coin for prosperity, salt for flavouring, bread or black-buns for food and a bottle of whiskey for good cheer. In Scotland the first foot should be a tall, dark-haired male who is not already in the house when midnight strikes.

We look forward to hearing your Hogmanay stories at the New Years Day get together at Figtree Point Park, Lota. (See the Events Calendar for more info Page 17)



Info Better Homes & Gardens, Wikipedia. Picture from Pinterist

Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club

PRESENTS

RACQ Batteries



Australia Day Event

Monday 26 January 2026

Ormiston State School



Car Club entry for display from 6am via Wellington Street

Gates open for public at 7am

Bring Your Own chairs & cups

Complimentary Breakfast, Tea & Coffee from 7am to 9am

Buy a raffle ticket and support Sailability: drawn at 10.00am

Enjoy the display of vehicles - Historical, Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Hot-Rods,
Trucks, Bikes & Military - until 10.30am

At 10.30am start one of the optional navigation runs
through the Redlands Coast

BYO lunch to have in park at completion of your chosen run

School gates close at 12 noon

Contact: Steve 0411 516 122



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NO Dogs, Smoking or Vaping allowed on school grounds

Regalia



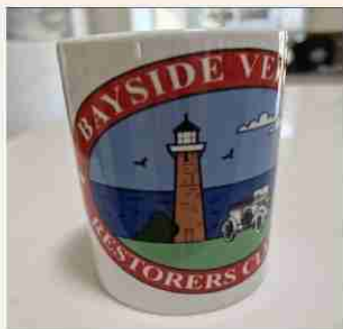
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Button Up Shirt \$40



Cap with Logo \$15



BVRC Mug \$10

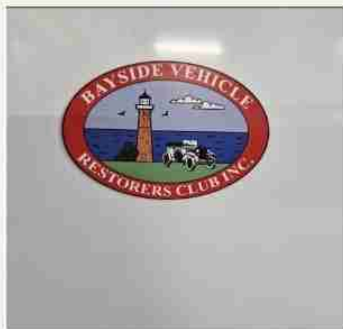
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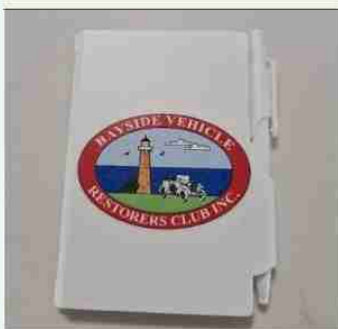
Hat with Brim \$15



Embroidered Patch \$5



Magnet \$5



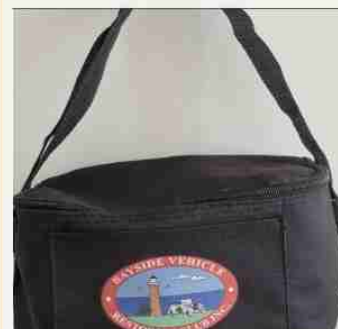
Note Book \$5



Key Ring \$4



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